

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Optical Crossbar Switch," the specification of which is attached hereto (Attorney file no. 0026 Feldman).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby give powers of attorney to John H. Runnels, Registration No. 33,451, and Bonnie J. Davis, Registration No. 41,699 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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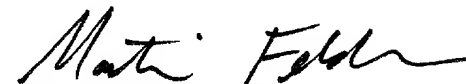
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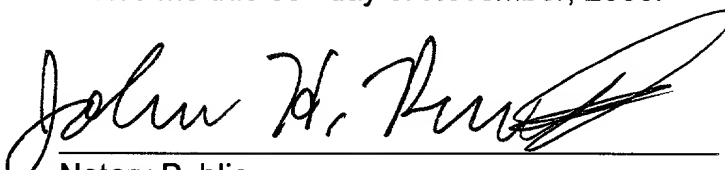
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